

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

1 The invention relates to a process and to a
2 machine for splicing the trailing end of a running
3 expiring web (e.g., a web of cigarette paper) to the
4 leading end of a fresh web while the ends of the webs
5 travel next to each other, in the same direction and
6 at an at least substantially identical speed between
7 a rotary knurling surface and a complementary second
8 rotary surface which may but need not be a knurling
9 surface. The rolls which constitute or mount the car-
10 riers for the two surfaces are driven in such a way that
11 each n-th (e.g., each tenth) revolution results in the
12 making of a splice between the leading and trailing ends
13 of the webs. The forwardly and/or rearwardly extending
14 remnants of the fresh and expiring webs are torn off
15 the spliced-together webs at the respective ends of the
16 splice.